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CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT P 074 976 581

Douglas Nielson, Road Supervisor Duchesne County East Old Highway 40 P.O. Box 356 Duchesne, Utah 84021-0356

Re: Request for Completion of Permitting, Duchesne County, Duchesne County Mine, M/047/028, Uintah County, Utah

Dear Mr. Nielson:

This is a formal request for Duchesne County to submit a Large Mining Operation Notice of Intention (LMO-NOI) and complete the permitting process for the Duchesne County Mine under the large mine section of the Minerals Rules, Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act, Title 40-8. The Division formally requests that you submit a completed LMO-NOI within 90-days from receipt of this letter. In the event you cannot meet that deadline, please provide a written response to this letter explaining why the permit process has not been completed to date and an alternate deadline within which the LMO-NOI can be submitted.

This operation has been at a large mine status since May 5, 1995. The Division made contact with Duchesne County on September 26, 1996, in the interest of completing the large mine permit process. Eight months have passed since that date and the Division has not received any written correspondence in an attempt to complete the permitting process. The Division has allowed this time to elapse because of the permitting intentions expressed by Duchesne County during meetings between Division and County staff. The Division must realize some progress in the permitting of this large mining operation in order to avoid a non-compliance situation.

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Please contact me at (801) 538-5286 or Tony Gallegos at (801) 538-5267 if you have any questions in this regard. Enclosed for your use is a recently revised LMO-NOI form. This new version of the form should help streamline the permitting process. Thank you for your immediate attention to this request.

Sincerely,

D. Wayne Hedberg

Permit Supervisor

Minerals Regulatory Program

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Enclosure: LMO-NOI form revised cc: Mary Ann Wright, DOGM

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